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SUBJECT: UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE, CONVERSATION WITH
M'BOW

1. IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION DG M'BOW WITH PERMREP,
M'BOW EXPRESSED OPTIMISM OVER PROBABLE OUTCOME ISRAELI
ISSUES AT UPCOMING GEN. CONF. M'BOW WAS HIS USUAL
EBULLIENT SELF, EXUDING CONFIDENCE AND GRACIOUSNESS.

2. ON THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES: M'BOW SAID THAT GOI
HAD AGREED TO RECEIVE A UNESCO TEAM. HE SAID HE WAS
PROPOSING THAT THE TEAM LEAVE IMMEDIATELY SO THAT IT
COULD REPORT TO THE GEN.CONF. M'BOW DID NOT NAME THE
MEMBERS OF THE UNESCO TEAM. HOWEVER, HE WAS CONFIDENT
THAT THEY WOULD IN FACT DEPART WITHIN THE NEXT FEW
DAYS. M'BOW LOOKS UPON THIS AS A VERY POSITIVE MOVE
AND THINKS IT WILL HELP TO DIFFUSE THE OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES ISSUE AT THE GEN. CONF.

3. ON JERUSALEM: M'BOW SAID HE HAD JUST RECEIVED
WORD THAT THE GOI IS STOPPING THE EXCAVATIONS. HE
SAID THAT HE WAS WORKING WITH BAR YARCOV TO ARRANGE A
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WAY OF ANNOUNCING THAT THE DIGGING WAS TERMINATED.

M'BOW SAID HE WOULD BE SATISFIED IF THE GOI WOULD RELEASE TO THE PRESS THAT THE DIGS HAD BEEN COMPLETED AND PERMIT PROFESSOR LEMAIRE TO VISIT JERUSALEM AND MAKE A REPORT BACK TO HIM. M'BOW SAID HE WOULD ASK LEMAIRE TO LEAVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. M'BOW WOULD THEN SEND LEMAIRE'S REPORT TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

4. ON THE REGIONAL GROUP: M'BOW SAID THAT HE WOULD TRY TO HAVE THE ENTIRE REGIONAL GROUP ISSUE PUT BEFORE THE NEGOTIATING GROUP THAT WILL BE SET UP AT THE GEN. CONF. HIS TACTIC WILL BE TO PREPARE AN OMNIBUS RESOLUTION INCLUDING ALL APPLICANTS TO REGIONS. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NEGOTIATING GROUP WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTACTING MEMBERS OF THE REGIONAL GROUPS ON THEIR WISHES, BUT THERE WOULD BE NO GROUP MEETINGS OR REPORTING TO PLENARY OF VOTES OR TALLIES. THE NEGOTIATING GROUP WOULD RECOMMEND CONSENSUS ADOPTION, WITHOUT VOTE, OF THE ENTIRE REGIONAL PACKAGE, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE ISRAEL. M'BOW SAID THAT CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE NEGOTIATING GROUP WILL BE CRUCIAL. HE IS GOING TO RECOMMEND HIS CONFIDANT, BOSSIER-PALUN, AS CHAIRMAN. WITH BOSSIER-PALUN IN THE CHAIR THE WISHES OF M'BOW WILL BE FORCEFULLY PRESENTED.

5. ON THE MASS MEDIA DECLARATION: M'BOW PROPOSES THAT THIS ALSO BE REFERRED TO THE NEGOTIATING GROUP. HE SAID THERE IS LITTLE CHANCE THAT A MOVE TO DELETE THE ITEM FROM THE AGENDA WILL SUCCEED. THE AGENDA WILL BE ADOPTED BEFORE THE NEGOTIATING GROUP IS ESTABLISHED. HOWEVER, HE WILL RECOMMEND THAT THIS ITEM BE ONE OF

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THOSE SENT TO THE NEGOTIATING GROUP. GYCE IT IS THERE, M'BOW FEELS IT CAN BE MANEUVERED SO THAT THE DRAFT DECLARATION IS SENT BACK TO AN EXPERTS MEETING FOR REWORKING.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM M'BOW: (1) M'BOW FEELS THAT IT IS CRUCIAL THAT THE US USE ITS INFLUENCE TO LET THE USSR KNOW THE SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH WE VIEW THE GEN. CONF. INFORMATION IS THAT THE SOVIETS INTEND TO PRESS FOR FULL CONSIDERATION OF THE MASS MEDIA DECLARATION AND TO FIGHT HARD ON THE ISRAEL REGIONAL GROUP ISSUES. IF THE SOVIETS RAISE A FUSS OVER THE REGIONAL ISSUE THE ARABS WILL JOIN IN AS THEY CAN'T LET THE SOVIETS BE MORE ANTI-ISRAEL THAN THEY ARE. M'BOW FEELS THAT IF THE SOVIETS ARE FULLY AWARE OF THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE US POSITION VIS-A-VIS UNESCO THEY WILL TONE DOWN THEIR EFFORTS AS HE IS CONVINCED THEY REALLY DO NOT WANT TO SEE THE US LEAVE UNESCO. (2) M'BOW ALSO URGED THAT THE US MAKE DEMARCHES IN EVERY AFRICAN CAPITAL WITH WHOM WE HAVE RELATIONS TO INDICATE THE ISSUES OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO THE US. M'BOW FEELS THIS WILL STRENGTHEN HIS HAND IN PERSUADING THE AFRICANS TO RESIST ARAB PRESSURES TO GO OFF ON AN ANTI ISRAEL TAN-
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GENT. M'BOW SAID HE SPOKE FRANKLY TO THE ARABS AT THE RECENT CASTARAB MEETING AND BELIEVES THERE IS SOME WILLINGNESS TO TONE THINGS DOWN, BUT HE IS CONVINCED PRESSURES WILL HAVE TO BE BROUGHT BY THE AFRICANS.

7. COMMENT: PERMDEL CONCURS WITH M'BOW'S RECOMMENDATIONS RE DEMARCHES TO THE SOVIETS. WESTERN EUROPEANS HAVE ALSO EXPRESSED THE WISH THAT WE RAISE UNESCO WITH MOSCOW. THE WEO'S DO NOT FEEL THAT THE SOVIETS UNESCO DELEGATION CAN BE RELIED UPON TO ACCURATELY REPORT US VIEWS. PERMDEL CONCURS IN THIS EVALUATION. WE ALSO AGREE WITH M'BOW THAT DEMARCHES SHOULD BE MADE IN AFRICAN CAPITALS. AS COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN NIAROB AND OTHER AFRICAN CAPITALS MAY BE DIFFICULT, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT DELEGATIONS HAVE INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE THEY ARRIVE AT THE CONFERENCE. PERM-

DEL ALSO RECOMMENDS DEMARCHES TO YUGOSLAVIA, RUMANIA,
SPAIN, PORTUGAL, GREECE, TURKEY, MALTA AND CYPRUS ON
THE REGIONAL ISSUE, AS WELL AS TO MODERATE ARAB STATES.
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